

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-12 (Cancelled).

Claim 13 (New): A communication device, comprising:

means for generating an RF (radio frequency) signal;

means for modulating the RF signal at one of a plurality of transfer rates, and for modulating a received RF signal of another device by load modulation;

means for demodulating the RF signal load modulated by the another device, and for demodulating a second RF signal provided to the communication device from the another device;

means for detecting the second RF signal of the another device, the detecting being at a level of a first threshold or greater,

wherein the means for generating is actuated upon an absence of the detecting to initiate an active or passive mode communication, the active mode including the transmission of modulated data at the communication device and the another device, the passive mode providing load modulated communication from the another device to the communication device, and, when the another device receives an indication of the active mode, the means for detecting receives the data of the another device at a level of a second threshold or higher, the second threshold being higher than the first threshold.

Claim 14 (New): The communication device in accordance with Claim 13 further comprising:

means for setting the first and second threshold.

Claim 15 (New): The communication device in accordance with Claim 13 wherein the RF signals are transmitted/received by a coil antenna.

Claim 16 (New): A method of performing near field communication, comprising:  
generating an RF (radio frequency) signal at a first communication device;  
modulating the RF signal at one of a plurality of transfer rates, and for modulating a received RF signal of a second communication device by load modulation;  
demodulating the RF signal load modulated by the second communication device, and  
for demodulating a second RF signal provided to the first communication device from the second communication device;  
detecting the second RF signal of the second communication device, the detecting being at a level of a first threshold or greater,

wherein the generating is actuated upon an absence of the detecting to initiate an active or passive mode communication, the active mode including the transmission of modulated data at the first communication device and the second communication device, the passive mode providing load modulated communication from the second communication device to the first communication device, and, when the second communication device receives an indication of the active mode, the detecting receives the data of the second communication device at a level of a second threshold or higher, the second threshold being higher than the first threshold.

Claim 17 (New): A computer readable storage medium encoded with computer program instructions, which when executed cause the computer to operate as a near field communication device implementing a method comprising:

generating an RF (radio frequency) signal;

modulating the RF signal at one of a plurality of transfer rates, and for modulating a received RF signal of second communication device by load modulation;

demodulating the RF signal load modulated by the second communication device, and for demodulating a second RF signal provided to the first communication device from the second communication device;

detecting the second RF signal of the second communication device, the detecting being at a level of a first threshold or greater,

wherein the generating is actuated upon an absence of the detecting to initiate an active or passive mode communication, the active mode including the transmission of modulated data at the first communication device and the second communication device, the passive mode providing load modulated communication from the second communication device to the first communication device, and, when the second communication device receives an indication of the active mode, the detecting receives the data of the second communication device at a level of a second threshold or higher, the second threshold being higher than the first threshold.